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REMARKS

1. At 3 p.m. on 4 October 1951, a jet bomber towing a silver gray sleeve target was observed over Oranienburg airfield. The target had the shape and size of a fuselage and the tow line was about 40 meters long. The jet bomber was followed by three other jet bombers flying in wedge formation. No firing or simulated attacks were observed. The planes were flying at an altitude of about 100 meters. (1)
2. On 5 October, 29 twin-jet aircraft, 9 twin-engine planes, and 3 biplanes were observed at the field. There was intensive flying by 6 to 8 other jet aircraft, including 4 planes
3. On 13 October, 24 twin-jet bombers covered with tarpaulins were parked on both sides of the hangars on the northern edge of the field.
4. On 7 and 8 October, all the tents previously quartering ground personnel from Schoenwalde airfield were taken down. The personnel were transferred to Hans Schemm School in Oranienburg. members of Unit Mateyef in Oranienburg were taking down overhead lines, poles, and cables and preparing them for shipment. this measure indicated an imminent transfer of this unit from the restricted area in Oranienburg. (3) On the same day, Senior Lieutenant Menkin (fnu), Kech Officer of Unit Mateyef, introduced a Russian woman in civilian clothes to his unit. This woman, was the chief of the Kech Department of the new air force units expected to arrive at Oranienburg in the near future.
5. Up to noon of 10 October, jet bombers made individual flights at intervals of 7 to 10 minutes. The planes flew at various altitudes and in different directions. About 11 a.m., a jet bomber flew over the field at an altitude of about 300 meters. It towed a cylindrical object 5 meters long and about 50 cm in diameter, probably made of cloth. The tow line was about 40 meters long. After about 1 p.m.,

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groups of three jet bombers each took off in wedge formations. The intervals between the take-offs of the individual groups differed. Three fuel containers with a capacity of about 20,000 liters each were observed east of the destroyed Wilhelminenhof. [REDACTED]

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6. At noon on 16 October, an estimated 20 jet bombers were parked at the field. Between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., there was flying by six jet bombers with plexiglass cockpits. Visibility was good and the sky was clear. The following take-offs and landings were observed:

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Time	Activity	Aircraft
12:30 p.m.	Take-off	1 jet bomber
12:35 "	" "	" " "
1:00 "	Landing	" " "
1:05 "	Take-off	" " "
1:10 "	" "	" " "
1:30 "	Landing	" " "
1:40 "	Take-off	" " "
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Four of these planes were fitted with auxiliary wing-tip fuel tanks which were twice the width of the wing tip.

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7. On 10 October, a number of 8-man tents was seen within the board fence of the Weisse Stadt restricted area. By 16 October, these tents had been removed. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen near the field. (4)

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8. The heavily guarded landing field could not be observed between 11:15 and 5 p.m. on 10 October. During these hours there was intensive flying [REDACTED] aircraft. [REDACTED]

The jet bombers [REDACTED] each had a twin-barreled machine gun in the tail gunner's station which was occupied. There was no armament in the tail gun position of [REDACTED] aircraft. (5)

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[REDACTED] practiced flying at the field. None of these jet bombers were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks.

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Comments.

- (1) The sleeve targets observed are believed to have been used for target practice by bombers. Such targets have not been observed at other places to date.

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- (2) The ground personnel belong to an unidentified unit was transferred from Schoenwalde to Oranienburg in

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- (3) The information that the bomber regiment was scheduled to be transferred was previously reported.

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However, this information has not been confirmed Unit Mateyef is the OATB of the bomber regiment. Senior Lieutenant Mateyef is believed to be supply officer of this unit. Senior Lieutenant Menkin was repeatedly mentioned as billeting officer of this unit.

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- (4) During the summer months, elements of Unit Mateyef were quartered in these tents. The soldiers were apparently transferred to buildings because of the winter weather.

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- (5) From the aircraft mentioned it is believed that about 40 planes are in the regiment.

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